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WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 3, 1890. Mn. DHANEY, the street-sweening

contractor, says he covers the schedule. That is not the point; the people want him to uncover the streets. THE EXTRA EDITIONS of our local

centemporaries this morning filled no field at all. They were too late for news and a few minutes too early for THIS IS A BUSY CITY in a busy world.

Forty minutes is a great deal of time in Washington, The CRITIC will on all great occasions be found at least forty minutes in advance of all competition. The MORNING Post is really so good

that any attempt on its part to issue an extra edition is a work of supererogation. And a work of supercrogation forty minutes late is altogether use-PRESCHARRY IT WAS beenuse he does

not believe in vicarious atonement in politics that Senator Farwell gave his consent to the confirmation of Mr. Clark as collector of the port of Chi-THE UNUSUALLY late hour at which

the Star appeared this morning is said to have been caused by the extreme precautions taken by the legal editors of that estimable journal against the possibilities of libel.

IF THE PAPET IS with the streetsweeping contractor, he ought to be poked up. If it is with the schedule, that ought to be poked up. The people know only that the streets are disreputably dirty and they want them cleaned.

THE WASHINGTON Stor is good for only one diurnal revolution. In the matter of extra appearances, it is too late for any use. THE CRITIC extra was ahead of the Star extra to-day something over an hour.

WHEN THE Star finally did reach the people this morning, it contained merely p repetition of the news which THE Curric had published an hour before. The name of the Star should be changed to the Moon, which is a dead planet skining in a borrowed light.

and cares to weep. THE WORLD'S FAIR question is parrowing down as the days go by. At first it was proposed to make it a na tional affair. Then it came to be considered as a local soft snap for some city or other. Now it seems to be merely a question of whether Tom Platt | a bill vesterday in the Iowa Legislature or Tammany shall get up a show,

THE NEW YORK Times says: "THE WASHINGTON CHITIC, under its new management, does not seem to care a fig for the enmity of the Administration." It does care, however. It wants the friendship of the Administration, and not only the friendship, but the hearty co-operation of the Adminis tration in an earnest endeavor to correct whatever wrongs and oppressions may be found in any Department of the Government. It hopes for both.

THE NEW YORK World calls ex-Sen ator Thomas C. Platt a "boss," a "private," and a "man-wolf." All this be cause the Hon. Platt wants the World's Fair, if held in New York City, to be a Republican rather than a Democratic partisan machine. It seems impossible to hold it in New York without its being controlled by politicians and manipulated to partisan ends. Washington is the only place where it can be held and be kept free from politics and be made a truly national event.

THE TRAGEDY.

The calamity which befell Secretary Tracy and his family this morning produces such a shock that emotional expression concerning it is impossible. Sudden tragedles paralyze; it is only afterward, when the mind can rationally contemplate the influence of results, that words can be spoken or written possessing a meaning fairly adequate.

The old platitude, "in the midst of life we are in death," has never received a more startling exemplification. Here was a family who had retired to sleep surrounded, apparently, by all the safeguards that wealth and power could confer. From a slumber careless in its sense of security they were awakened only to meet death. Yet, nobody was to blame, at least in any way important enough for the attachment of responsibility.

'The Secretary's wife, his daughter, and the governess are dead, after great suffering. Two survivors are left to bear a grief greater in its affliction than lifelong pain. There desolation and sorrow will pull and si lence the voice of sympathy itself. Anything more pitiless than the blow they have suffered is not to be conceived. May Heaven comfort them with messages of love from those who have ascended there.

MR. CLARKSON'S RESIGNATION. THE CRITIC publishes this evening a well authenticated report that the Hon, J. S. Clarkson, the First Assistant Postmaster General, is going to resign. While vague rumors of this intention on the part of Mr. Clarkson have been in currency for the past few weeks, this is the first definite publication to that

The reason given indirectly by the First Assistant Postmaster-General is that he is weary of the Pharisaical ways of the Administration. Believing in rewarding the men who made the elec-

the disctinutes, who, when the fight though the latter trace his ancestry gether on a tandem trievels, and we are was on, simply stood around in the | back to the Mayflower or to Pocohontas, way, rewarded with the offices. He | And in so doing he voiced the sentisees "the boys" out in the cold starving to death, and the "goody goodies" invited into the warmth to sit at the feast. In one plain, emphatic word, he is disgusted. He will return to the more pleasant employment of publishing a modest daily paper in an humble lowa villinge. Well, we suppose that if that is the

shall the offices be tilled for the benefit

of the people, or for the benefit of the

lower element of a party? Yes, Mr.

Clarkson should go-and stand not

upon the order of his going. He is be-

hind the times. He is the postulant of

of a dying practice. The United States

A NATION'S SYMPATHY.

and distinguished career, are decreed

to bear the burden of grief put upon

Mr. Blaine. Few women are made to

suffer like the wife and mother who

has shared his destiny. Callous, in-

deed, the feelings that do not mingle

that do not speak them consolation.

The black wings of fate, which have

again shut out the sunlight from the

old Seward home, will span the heavens

to cast a shadow over the two hemi-

spheres. Men and women in many lands

will mourn to day with those who

kneel bereft, bereaved. Strangers will

breathe their sympathy, while reproach-

ing a Reaper who could be thus doubly

cruel. Words are vain to woe. The

nation peers into that room of dread-

ful peace, and pauses from its strifes

MR. SCHMIDT'S SCHEME.

A party of the name of Schmidt

probably an editor who has had trouble

with an abused subscriber, introduced

providing that "no editor, publisher or

reporter of any newspaper shall be

compelled to disclose any confidential

communication made to him in his pro-

fessional capacity or to disclose the

name of the author of any editorial ar-

ticle furnished such paper for publica-

tion or to disclose the name of any per-

son furnishing information for publi-

cation; provided, however, that in any

proceedings, civil or criminal, against

any person on account of the publica-

tion of such editorial, article or infor-

mation, such editor, publisher or re-

The bill is absurd. It would be far

those who furnish newspaper informa-

tion, especially among those who write

better left unpublished. A self-respect

ing editor will reserve the right to

throw at least the original moral respon-

sibility of any statement made by a con-

The people look to him for the truth.

tributors to newspapers who refuse to

permit the use of their names are not

sneaks, but all contributors who are

sneaks refuse to permit the use of their

A GERMAN-AMERICAN.

Oshkosh, Wis., who was last week ap-

pointed and confirmed as Consul-Gen-

eral of the United States in Mexico, is

one of the leading and representative

citizens of German birth in this coun-

try. Mr. Guenther was a member of

terms, and made a fine record as an

honest, industrious and capable legis-

lator. But Mr. Guenther did more. He

demonstrated that he was an American

citizen first, last and all the time. He

The Hon. Richard Guenther of

with every important detail.

his assertions of fact.

tributor upon its maker.

able information.

with their sorrow; mean the thoughts

Few men, in the full of an honored

is not a party-it is a nation.

maintenance of which could only end way Mr. Clarkson looks at it, he will in a fight. have to resign. Of course, the people The course which American citizens of German birth would take was a source elected Benjamin Harrison President. It may have been a mistake-perhaps of solicitude to Prince Bismarck. Where Mr. Clarkson would have been a far would their sympathies fall? He rebetter selection; but Benjamin Harriceived bis answer from Mr. Guenther, son was chosen and inaugurated, and who, speaking from his seat in the halls he has the right to serve his term out. of Congress for himself and his fellow-We shall miss Mr. Ciarkson. He has German-Americans, uttered these words been lively, entertaining, enterprisingof fervid patriotism. We know as well as any other class of in short, he has infused into so much of his department as he could control a

We will work for our country in time of carth, gone back saying t peace and fight for it in time of war, if a had seen his own shadow. fair sample of Western journalistic time of war should ever come. When I There may not be much real integrity say our country, I mean, of course, our in politics, but for the interests of the adopted country. I mean the United States ideal integrity it is just as well that Mr. of America. After passing through the Clarkson should retire. A man who crucible of naturalization, we are no longer has no higher idea of the administra-Germans; we are Americans. Our attachtion of the affairs of a great department to America cannot be measured by the length of our residence here. ment of the Government than Americans from the moment we touch is expressed in an ambition to the American shore until we are laid in distribute the offices among "the American graves. We will fight for Amerboys." would not even be an ornaica whenever necessary. America first, ment to a fairly decent city council. last and all the time: America against Ger-The theory that office was created for many; America against the world; America "the boys," is essentially vicious. Mr. right or wrong; always America. We are Clarkson cannot cloud the real issue by There was no occasion to put this referring to the defeated aspirants as challenge to a test. For Germany soon wheel-horses and to the successful ones as dilettantes. That issue, after ceased her aggressions and matters calmed down. There is no doubt but stripped of all prejudicial terms, is, this utterance of Mr. Guenther's,

> powerful influence toward the peacetul solution of the Samoan trouble. HURRY, YE LAGGARDS. ON FRIDAY, November 29, 1889, the

making clear to the German Govern-

ment that the citizens of German birth

of this country are Americans in every-

thing save the accident of birth, had a

ments of the great German-American

element of the United States. The oc-

easien was when the trouble in Samon

appeared to be histening to a crisis which

only an appeal to arms could solve.

The German Government, through its

civil officials and naval officers at Apia,

had assumed an aggressive attitude, the

Washington Post said: The Post's "Extra," issued at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, containing a full acunt of the great fire in Boston and giving the latest news of the Speakership contest. went off with a rush. It is not the purpose of the Post to interfere with its evening contemporaries in that field, but when they abandon it, as they did yesterday, and there is important news, the Past will feel it to ber duty to come to the front. The Washington public must have the important news, morning and evening, if the Pos has to take the contract to furnish it all.

Was it with the notion that the field was still abandoned that the Post this morning issued an extra forty minutes after the appearance of the extra Critic on the streets containing an account of the terrible calamity at the residence of Secretary Tracy? The Post is an excellent morning paper, but it ought not to indulge in overwork. The Critic is here. It will fill the field from breakfast until after dinner. Such is the muscular mentality of THE CRITIC staff that occasion demanding, it can easily issue

an extra edition from forty minutes to hour and a half in advance of its corpulent local contemporaries. The Post, we take it, is simply interested in being able to assure itself that the people will get the news; it doesn't wish to print extras merely to hang on its files. The Post may confine its sense of duty to its one superb edition with the calm confidence that THE CRITIC will carry out the news contract with the Washington public for the remainder of the day.

A WORK WELL DONE. One of the gentle French cynics has porter may be compelled to testify written that men blame themselves to whether or not the defendant was the invite praise. THE CRITIC, disposed to author of such editorial or article, or be frank about all things, its own furnished the information complained worthiness included, doesn't intend to simulate this polite hypocricy. feels like praising itself more practicable, far more beneficial to would like to do so, in order the interests of decent journalism to that others can realize how much it pass a law making it obligatory upon deserves to be praised. In giving to an editor to disclose the name of the Washington, forty minutes ahead of party who had furnished him questionthe Post and a full hour in advance of

the Star, the news of the dreadful There is too much cowardice among tragedy which has shocked the whole country before this, it ac complished a work which only communications to newspapers. It may those who are acquainted with he stated as a broad, general proposition its inferior facilities can fully appreciate. To its spirited little staff and that any contribution to which the author dare not sign his name would be the enthusiasm of its mechanical department, the credit for the achievement is wholly due. THE CRITIC congratulates both, in assuring them of its

gratitude. A DISPATCH PROM Boston says: "It is a Mr. Schmidt's advertised idea of his source of some pride to the New England bill is that it places editors on a footing member of the executive committee of the with lawyers and doctors. There is no Republican National League that its con parallel. The relations between a lawference at Washington this week escaped er and his client are personal, and the notice of the reporters there." THE CRITIC is glad that the New England memthose between a doctor and his patient ber's pride is so sensitive as to be stirred by intimate to a degree. They so unimportant a matter as this, but the do not concern the public. On the other fact is there was probably not a city editor hand, the editor's relations are, or In Washington who did not have a chance ought to be, entirely with the public. to print a report of this meeting and not a correspondent who did not reject it as a matter unworthy to be sent out as news. and it is his duty to give it to them The "conference" consisted of the coming together of nine men, who constituted a American journalism is free enough, sub-committee, and whose conclusions were in all conscience, and if the people who of no more general importance as news write information for the newspapers than those of a country debating society would make a practice of using their struggling with the proposition: Resolved names, they would find a certain honest life is worth living. The trouble gratification in it. There is no civilized probably was the gentlemen were chagrined country wherein men differ more paso find that their little meeting was not sionately in tpye than they do in France. looked upon by the reporters who knew of it as a matter of any importance whatever; but the Frenchman is never afraid to and now that at last the gentlemen have appear as the author of his opinions or found a way to get it into print, along with their names, we don't see that the public is Honesty is the best policy. All con-

red with excitement over it, "GAMBLING IN CHICAGO-The Grand Jury Tharges the Democratic Administration with Faflure to Suppress it." That is the way the Republican papers head it. This reminds us that there has not been an administration in Chicago since the lake breeze located there that has made any effort whatever to suppress gambling. And the last administration was as Republican as Mayor Rocke knew how to make it.

GENERAL RODENBEOUGH, the suc of John J. O'Brien as Chief of the Bureau of Elections in New York, says he will conduct the office "without reference to poll the House of Representatives for four ties." Let us hope that he will conduct it also without reference to elections.

Two young women were expelled from the Normal School at Bridgeport, Conn., last Wednesday, the day on which they were to be graduated, for riding together tion of Harrison a possibility, he finds showed that his patriotism is as firm on a tandem tricycle. We always deemed

glad to see that the Bridgeport Normal School authorities are determined that the HE SEES THE BENEFIT OF ORGANI-

young men shall not be thus deprived. THEY say-we don't know who they nre, but they nevertheless sny—that William Dean Howells would like to be sent to Paris as Consultieneral, Mr. Howells is Bureau of Relief Delegates From Dean Howells would like to be sent to Paris as Consul-General, Mr. Howells is an excellent and a scholarly gentleman, of whom it is a pleasure to say that he would confine his consular reports to the exact truth, and realism in a consular report b

the right thing in the right place. SPEARER REED TO MR. SPRINGER-The gentleman from Illinois is out of order. He must take his sent. Mr. Springer to Speaker Reed-There are

no rules for this House, and I can stand as long as I want to. And so our law-makers go on making

IF THE GROUND HOS has as good an optaint of himself as some men have of themselves he might have come out of his hole yester lay American citizens where our duties belong. and, seeing the darkness that lay upon the earth, gone back saying to himself that he

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN wants somebody to send him around the world in sixty days by way of Vancouver. We wouldn't mind having him go away for sixty days, but the Vancouver people never did anything to us.

CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS writes that Congressman Payne of New York is a driving man. So, it may be added, is Con-

AN ARLE CHICAGO editor says that his city is tircless in her efforts to procure the World's Fair. That is a matter of opinion. Some people think she is all-fired tiresome. CHAPNERY M. DEPRW says a man with

Mr. Depew will at least give him credit for trying on every available occasion. Twinkle, twinkle little Star, How I wonder where you are: Will it always be your fate To appear an hour late?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE between an extra and a back-number? Why, exactly the difference between THE CRITIC and

Some yours are somey this is so mild a winter that they can't grumble at the street-car companies for not heating their cars.

THERE ARE TWO elements of news -on of importance and the other of time. The Post and the Star are acquainted with one. IN THE MATTER of enterprise in the swift producing of news, THE CRITIC enjoys in Washington a luminous lonesomeness.

SOCIETY GOSSIP. Miss Kate Wilson is the guest of Mrs. Roland Mitchell in Baltimore. Miss Bessie Montague of Baltimore is the

guest of Miss Gittings of this city. Mrs. Charles Gibson of Maryland will reefve to morrow at the Shoreham. Mrs. Alexander McKay of New York is the guest of Mrs. Isanc Henderson

Miss May Crown has gone to Baltimore for a visit to her cousin, Mrs. Gibbs. Mr. and Mrs. George Alfred Townsend are the guests of Mr. Frank Richardson. Miss Saule of this city is visiting Miss

Bessie Carroll of St. Paul street, Baltimore. Mrs. W. H. F. Lee will receive at the Ebbitt House Tuesday, February 4, from 2

Bessie Montague of Baltimore is visiting Miss Gittings of K street northwest. General and Mrs, Innis Palmer visited Fort Riley last week as the guests of Cap

tain Pond. Mrs. McKee's invitations for the meeting of the Dancing Class next Friday evening are recalled.

Mrs. William C. Whitney will open her new ball-room by a large ball the middle of Miss Maggie Hauan of this city is the

mest of the Misses Early at their home on Park avenue, Baltimore, The marriage of Mr. Gus B. Maynadier to Miss Lila Maitland of Baltimore will take place in that city on Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Long has returned to her ome in Baltimore after a visit to Mrs. Dixon, wife of Dr. Dixon, U. S. N. Lieutenant and Mrs. John A. Hoogeworff

have as their guest at the Carrollton the mother of the late Mrs. Keim of Baltimore. Mrs. Edgar Saltus, mother of the novelist, Edgar Saltus, ir., will arrive in the city in a few days for a visit to Mrs. Mason and

Miss Cassie Fuller, daughter of Chief Justice Fuller, left to-day for Baltimore, where she will attend boarding-school for the remainder of the season.

Miss Bessle Long of Baltimore, who has been visiting the family of Mr. Dixon, U. S. N., in this city, has returned home much pleased with the social "rachete" of the National Capital.

The three State dinners, together with all other official entertainments planned for the present week, will be omitted as a mark of respect to Secretary Tracy in his terrible uble bereavement.

In view of the appalling calamity which has befallen the family of Secretary Tracy, and also in view of the death of Mrs. Cop pinger, daughter of Secretary Blaine, Sens tor Voorhees' house will not be open this week, and Miss Voorbees authorizes the withdrawal of her cards for her afternoon reception.

THE MAIL-BAG REPAIR SHOP

Editor Critic: There are still other cases of petty tyranny or robbery, whichever you wish to call them, displayed by those in charge of the mail-bag repair shop which our reporter has failed to notice. One is this; When the ladies are furloughed or the work gives out, the sacks that are left on the floor are gathered up, and if, when they are inspected, a small hole is overlooked, the sack is taken to one of the foreladies. She mends it and it is taken from the one who should be credited with it and given to the forelady. The person who, perhaps, has worked a half or three-quarters of an hour on the sack has to lose it. If a remove strance is made, they are informed that I is Major Tyler's orders.

The fact that a preference is shown in the work is too plain to deny. Some of the ladies, where the work is fair, will average fifty or sixty sacks, and other days, using more thread, will not get forty. At the same time a certain class of young lady favorites will use less thread and their average will continue right along at sev

enty and eighty a day. But the good work of Tun Curric has had one good effect, for they have cleaned up and started the duster in motion once more. Every effort is being made to surpress the true state of affairs by the ring in charge of the work, and it is almost impossible to get a statement from one of the uployes for fear of being discharged. Mr. Dowden has circulated a petition for the ladies to sign, stating that the articles published in THE CRITIC were false. Many of the ladies who signed said afterward that they signed it just to keep their places. ONE WHO WORKS THERE.

ZATION.

Many States.

The delegates to the National Convention of Colored Men are on the ground to the number of more than 500. This convention was called by the central bureau of relief to consider important measures before Congress affecting the welfare of the race, and to organize for the purpose of a united and continuous effort to correct as much as possible the many disadvantages, political, spersonal and general, under which it now suffers.

There are four delegates from each Congressional district of the several States, a like number from each State and Territory, and ten from the District of Columbia. Delegates have been puring in rapidly on every train since Saturday, and the largest and most rep-resentative colored convention ever held in this or any other country is now as

THE FIRST MEETING. The credit for the existence and success of the convention is due to its president, Colonel Perry Carson of this city. Mr. Carson is now convalescing gressman Turner of New York. He drives from an attack of pneumonia, but an ice wagon. to gain the permission of his physician to attend the sessions of the convention. The Bureau of Relief was founded only last October, and this is its first meeting, but its membership already embraces nearly all the prom inent colored men in the country. an empty head cannot make speeches. But

From present indications and from the correspondence in the hands of the bureau it is safe to say that politics will not, as has been expected and prophesied, be an element in this conven-

Said a prominent colored man this morning: "Eyery State, with the exception of Maine, New Hampshire and Ver mont, will be represented in the con-vention by delegates who have been elected in their own States and are here, and not by temporary residents of the District of Columbia or persons in the Departments,'

the Department has the largest repair shops under its control, the standard is The convention promises to be har monious from the fact that the senti ments expressed on all sides is that it why the same standard could not be will take up, simply act upon and present to the country the principles reached in Washington. As it is now set forth in the circular and call A LADY DELEGATE.

The only lady delegate to the convention is Miss Mattle Jackson, who was accredited by the Pythian League of Oberlain, Ohio. She is a graduate of that institution and a daughter of a city councilman of that place. Among the prominent men present

Secretary R. A. Dawson of New Jersey,
J. P. Jones of Arkansas, Philip A. Joseph
and P. J. Crenshaw of Alabama, Henry F.
Fields of California, Hon. W. L. Burr of
Connecticut, James B. Devore of Georgia,
Alexander Clark of Illinois, J. M. Townsend of Indiana, Hon. C. Patterson of Kausas, Rev. W. C. Simons and G. W. Hatton
of Kentucky, John D. Hart of Maine, D.
C. Brown of Massachusetts, W. Q. Atwood
of Michigan, George W. Bryant, and Rev.
Derreck, secretary of Methodist Book Concern, New York City; Bishop Wayman of
Maryland, Governor Pinchback of Louisiana, Thomas Jefferson Smith (better
known as Broadax Smith, editor of Smith's
Breadax) of Pittsburg, Pa.; Hon. J. B.
Taylor, ex-Minister to Liberia; Professor
Jchn M. Laugston, James C. Delphy, associate editor of Smith's Broadax; Lewis H.
Fouglass of Hoston (son of Frederick
Douglass), and Isaiah C. Ware of Philadelphia,

AT THE METROPOLITAN A. M. E. CHURCH. The programme to day was as fol-

Convention called to order by Carson. Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. G. W. Lee of the Fifth Baptist Church of this city. Musical exercises, under the management of Professor J. T. Langston of Howard University. Address of welcome by Hon. J. M. Townsend of Indiana and response by Right Rev. W. B. Convention called to order by President diana and response by Right Rev. W. I Derrick of New York on behalf of visitin

A poem dedicated to the convention was then read in an effective manner by Sclomon Brown, esq. The exercises for this evening will be

nder the auspices of a committee o citizens of the District, aided by Color George M. Arnold and Professor J. T. Langston, and will be in the nature of a literary and patriotic reception. Ad-dresses will be delivered by W. H. H. Hart, esq., and L. W. Pulies. Papers will be submitted during the session of the convention by the following dis-

the convention by the following distinguished colored men:

"On Enitgration," M. M. Smith of Minnesota; "Civil Rights." W. C. Martin of Virginia; "Educational, Moral and Civil Advancement of the Race," Dr. I. G. Stewart of Maryland; "Education and Blair Bill," Professor William H. Day of Pennsylvania; "Conduct of Elections," Hon, John R. Lynch; "Southern Outrages," John Mitchell of Virginia; "Plan of National Organization," Dev. D. E. Johnson of California; "Legal Relief," R. S.Smith of Florida and C. M. Ferguson of Tennessee.

THE SHOPLIFTERS IN COURT. of the Trial.

When the prison van pulled up to the door of the City Hall this morning Kute Friday, the expert shoplifter, stepped out as unconcerned as you please, but not so with her companion n crime, Sarah Lewiss, whose progress down the steps of the van was slow and labored. She showed evidences of her recent sickness and did not appear to be in condition for trial. Whether this affected or not was hard to tell, as it is known that frequent efforts have been made to delay proceedings in this trial. But the imperative order made by Judge Bingham on Friday gave the defendants to understand that the must be prepared for trial to-day. Both women were very neatly attired in black, and no sooner were they con-

fined in the court cage than they were in conference with their attorney and friends. That they would resort another effort for adjournment could be ascertained by their conversation, on the ground that Sarah Lewiss was too unwell to stand trial. "I was pressed to put in an appearance in court this morning if I died for said the woman to Jim Springman,

for I want to overthrow this impression that has gone out that it is a preconcerted plan on our part to delay What motive wo have to lay in jail here! Goodness knows we have been there long enough now, and we want the suspense over with.

GROUND HOG DAY,

A Sure Proof That Winter is Now an End.

Sunday was,"Ground Hog Day," and if his hogship followed all rules and precedents he came out of the hole into which he has burrowed himself all winter and, failing to see his shadow reflected upon ground, concluded that winter was at an end and that he would remain out with his fellows. Had he seen his shadow, and if he was a well-behaved hog, he would have immediately returned to his hole and remained I ITAL.

WASHINGTON CRITIC them should off on a side track, and and clear as that of any American, even it wrong for two young winners to ride to of R COLORED BROTHER in biding for six long weeks, feeling BATTLE STILL WAGING.

The traditions and anecdotes

arrival of the 2d of February.

did not see his shadow and was nearly

frozen to death in the March blizzard

BAD MAIL BAGS.

Subject

the Republic came before Mr. Wana-maker and asked that the average of

the number of bags to be repaired each day be reduced, as there were a large number of widows of soldiers engaged

in this work who were unable to com

request of this committee Postmaste

General Wanamaker reduced the aver-

to the worst, and we can have it done cheaper outside of Washington, the De

and if you want any information in this

TO SUPPORT POOR CHURCHES.

Charitable Objects of the Tabernacle

day. This society was formed for the

purpose of furnishing poor Catholic

societies the vestments and altar furni-

ture necessary to equip such churches.

During the quarter just past twenty-one missions and churches have been sup-

plied, but the applications were far in

meet, numbering in all upwards of

seventy five.

Mgr. O'Connell, rector of the Amer-

ican College in Rome, who was ar

nounced to be present and address the

society, was obliged to leave Baltimore

last night and could not be present. The

society was called to order by Bishop

A report of the receipts and expendi-

tures was received; also a report of work accomplished in the last quarter.

A number of letters of great interes

to poor priests were read and the work

ANALYZE THIS

"My wants are very few, indeed, and i

can live comfortably on \$25 a year," said

Mrs. Parnell.

"You received a large sum of money from the public some time since, Mrs. Parnell. Would you mind telling what use you made of it?"

"Every cent, and more would have gone that way had I had it."

om all sources is \$1,250."
"It is stated, Mrs. Parnell, that you

present destitution is due in part to yo

propensity for speculating in stocks. I

"Like many other rumors, it has some foundation in fact. I have, it is true, bought stocks on the market, hoping they would rise in value and thereby enable me to pay off my debts."

"And your speculations did not turn out wells."

that he would indicate when the time came. [Laughter on the Der side.]

ing for 35 cents.

month.

A CORRECTION.

An Extra

"50" 40" or fight," See "War" Robert-

son's advertisement in The SUNDAY CAP-

"It went to pay pressing debts."
"All of it?"

mapped out for the next quarter.

1:30 o'clock the session adjourned.

Keane, who addressed the members

lity of the se

direction go to Captain Cullen.

this class of work.

size in the bags?"

directly under his control.

sired

pare to plant his crops.

he too cold for the kind of bog he was SPEAKER REED HAS STILL A HAND ound-hog have been handed down OF IRON. from time immemorial, and formerly confiding and superstitious old women

The Names of Democrats Counted and men would wait anxiously for the Though They Did Not Vote...The Senate Adjourns Out of Respect to Secretary Trucy. the day be clear and sunshiny then preparations would be made for a long

winter, and was the day one on which the sun did not shine then believing The Senate had a brief session, adfarmers and others would prepare for the end of winter, and it was not journing on account of the calamity caused by the fire at Secretary Tracy's an upusual thing for the farmer to pre-In recent years the ground hog has had faith lost in him by the weather

Fighting Still in the House. tefusing to do as it was expected. The worst shock that his predictions received was in 1888, when he came out. When the Clerk began the reading of the journal Mr. McMillan demanded its reading in full-that is, that the na nes of members who voted Saturday should

The chances are better this year, how-ever, as the Weather Bureau shows a be read in each case.

When the reading was concluded Mr. O'Ferrall said he desired to have redisposition to help the hog and announces warm weather for this week at corded in the journal a ruling made by the Speaker late Saturday evening ro-fusing Mr. O'Ferrall privilege of incorporating in the Record as part of his remarks certain evidence in the then pending case. This was ordered, and Mr. McKinley moved the What Colonel Whitfield Says on the The Postmaster-General's quarters at approval of the journal and demanded the previous question. At the request of seventy-one Demothe Postoffice Department were deserted | 1

when a newspaper reporter called to ask him what he proposed to do about crats, the yeas and mays were ordered the abuses said to exist in Uncle Sam's on the motion to order the previous the abuses said to exist in Uncle Sam's

mail-bag repair shop, but Assistant The roll was called, the Democrats Postmaster General Whitfield said that not voting. At the close of the roll-call the Speaker caused the names of members not voting Wanamaker knew nothing about it. and he could give what information was desired, as the repair shop came He then anto be recorded. nounced the vote, \$54 yeas and no mays. "When it comes to facts," said Colonel Whitfield, "we can see no He declared a constitutional quorum present and the previous question orcause for complaint at the mail-bag repair shop. Some three months ago a committee from the Grand Army of

The question then recurred upon the motion to approve the journal, upon which the yeas and mays were demanded and ordered.

ANOTHER ROLL CALL.

The previous question was ordered, the motion to approve the journal put to the House and another roll-call, was ply with these requests, and consequently had to be discharged. At the proceeded with. The journal was approved.

tion to adjourn was voted down on a yea and nay call. The Speaker then announced the question to be upon the resolution declaring Smith elected. age, which was then fifty-six per day, to forty, the average now maintained, which was all that this committee de-Mr. Crisp raised the question of consideration against it. Speaker declined to "In Chicago" he continued, "where Speaker it. Mr. Crisp appealed, but the Speaker declined to entertain the apstill fifty-six per day and I see no reason peal. Mr. O'Ferrall (Dem.) then took the floor to address the House

upon the case. There was some confuthey get \$30 per mouth for reaching an average of forty per day and for all over sion upon the floor. "The gentleman from Virginia," said the Speaker, "is entitled to the atten-tion of the House. Those who do not that they receive compensation at the rate of three cents for each bag. Washington is one of the principal distributing points for mail bags, and care to give him their attention will in consequence there is much repairing to be done here, but if the worst comes please retire.

There was a laugh, the noise subsided and Mr. O'Ferrall proceeded. Capitol Notes.

partment may deem it necessary to do The Ways and Means Committee gave a public tariff hearing this morn-ing. Mr. Mudermeyer of New York. it. As everyone well knows, the appro-priation just at present is very limited, representing the Harney Peak Tin Company, appeared and argued in favor of an imposition of duty on imand we cannot afford to pay more for "But what about the charge made in THE CRITIC that the ladies were not portations of tin. provided with the necessary patenes and had to darn holes of enormous The Hon, John W. Candler, chair-

of the World's Fair Committee of the House, has been selected as a dele "That is something I know nothing about. It is beyond my jurisdiction the Commercial of Boston to represent it at the meeting of the Executive Council of the National Board of Trade Mr. A. J. Halford of the Associated Press, who has been confined to his home by illness for some weeks, resumed his duties at the Capitol to-day Society.

The Tabernacle Society met at the The House Committee on Public Lands to-day ordered a favorable re-Carroll Institute Hall at 12 o'clock toport on the bill creating two new land

> This morning a copy of the second edition of the "Congressional Directory" was laid on each Senator's desk. The books are bound in bright blue. MR. BLAINE AGAIN BEREAVED

offices in Nebraska.

His Eldest Daughter, Mrs. Coppinger. Died Yesterday.

Secretary Blaine met with another sad bereavement yesterday morning in the death of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Colonel J. J. Coppinger. She had been ill with pneumonia for several days and her death was not unexpected. All day Saturday her condition was known to be exceedingly critical, and hope of her recovery was practically aban-doned. Colonel Coppinger, who had been notified of her condition, reached the city Saturday and was at the side until her death at five o'clock this morning.
Following so soon after the death of

Walker Blaine, the death of his daugh ter is a heavy blow to the Secretary, and the utmost sympathy is pressed on every side for the bereaved family. Mrs. Coppinger was uncon-scious for hours before her death. All the immediate members of her family were present at the last mome The funeral will take place from St Matthew's Church to morrow

ing at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Father "The amount of money which was sent you has been variously stated at different times. Will you please tell me the exact Sherman, son of General Sherman, will officiate, and the interment will be made at Oak Hill Cemetery. Cardinal Gib-"The total amount which I have received. bons will be present.

The President, the members of the Cabinet and a large number of triends

called early in the morning to express their sympathy, and as the news spread through the city sorrow for the Secretary and his family was universal.

Death has been busy in the family of the Secretary of State, the most recent example, prior to the death of Mrs. Coppinger, being the decease of his eld on and confidential co-worker, Mr. Walker Blaine, which occurred on ednesday, January 15, 1890.

"No; on the contrary, they were very un fortunate."
"It has been stated that you intended to apply for a pension on account of your father's services."
"Yes; I hope to get something from the government some day, but they are very slow in Washington." half a month previously, on December 31, 1889, Melville G. Blaine, brother of the Secretary, died at the Indian training school, near Salem, Ore., of which he was the head teacher. On March 4, 1885, while Mr. Cleveland was being WHAT CONGRESSMEN LAUGH AT. naugurated President of the United Mr. Springer-1 rise to a parliamentary States, his defeated opponent was in Baltimore attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Eliza Blaine Walker, wife The Speaker—The gentleman from Georgia has the floor, and the Chair hopes that gentlemen of his own party will refrain from interrupting him. [Laughter on the of Major R. C. Walker, who died two days previously on Charles street, Balti-more. A sister of Mrs. Blaine died re-Republican side.

Mr. Springer - I desire to ask when a mo-tion to adjourn will be in order.

The Speaker - The Chair said yesterday cently in Maine.

POSTOFFICE CLERKS MEET. Important Session Held at the Riggs House.

Delegates representing the Postoffice Clerks' Association of the United States Jay Williams did not celebrate the arrival met in convention at the Riggs House of a new heir at his house last week, as one of our reporters caused us to say. But his slater, Mr. Ed. H. Knapp, who formerly rethis morning at 10 o'clock. The delegates present represented nearly every first sided in Aurora, lately presented her husband with a very fine bright new baby boy.

—Aurora (Ill.) Daily News. class office in the Union, and numbered about fifty. Those offices that were not personally represented, were voiced in You can order THE CRITIC by postal card will be sent to your address every even

the convention by proxy.

The prinicpal subjects of discussion will be the eight hour law and the de mand for an annual vacation of 15 days. reduction of 10 per cent, has been made on the mark-down prices in our children's suit and overcoat department. Eiseman Bros., They ask these stight concessions from Government because they claim that the duties of postoffice clerks are ifflicult and exacting as those in other departments of the public serv-Call up telephone No. 251-2 and order The Carrie delivered to you for 35 cents a ice: that they are compelled to work including

throughout the Sundays and days, without the usual term of recreation granted to employes in other De-

partments and by private firms, and that the onerous nature of their work entities them to such decrease of hours and vo-

The convention was called to order by W. S. McGee of New York. A committee was appointed to place permanent officers in nomination, who

reported as follows:

President, W. S. McGee, New York; first vice-president, C. M. Little. Kanass City; second vice-president, T. J. Maulia, New Orleans; third vice-president, G. A. Plummer, Minneapolis, Minne secretary, F. Albert Shaffer, Philadelphia; treasurer, J. A. Wayman, Boston. After the permanent organization the

convention passed resolutions of sym-pathy and condolence and adjourned until 1 o'clock, on account of the calamity which has just befallen Secretary Tracy and family.

AN AMUSING MISTARE

Leads to Senator and Mrs. McDonald Faring Badly. Mrs. Senator McDonald recently told a good story about a trip that she look with the Senator. On the train with

them was a gentleman and his wife who were expert travelers, and every place where the Senator and Mrs. Me-Donald stopped the other party stopped also. They seemed to have the best attention paid them and they got the best of everything. When the train arrived at Boston both parties registered at the same hotel

At dipper the Senator and Mrs. Me-Donald could hardly get anything to eat, while the walters were breaking their necks to serve the other party. This was too much for Mrs. McDonald, so she complained to the head waiter He explained by saying that the other party were distinguished people, and that the proprietor had ordered special attention paid them. "He believed that their name was McDonald." When the waiter was told of his mistake he was much chagrined. His anxiety was so great that he probably would have had a fit had he not been told that they would say nothing further about it. It may be stated that the Senator and Mrs. McDonald had the best the hotel afforded during the remainder of their

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 .- Money on call lossed at 3 per cent. Exchange closed steady; posted rates, 4.84664.88; netual rates, 4.8316,4.832 for 60 days and 4.87166 4,872 for demand, Governments, steady: currency 6's, 1.16

bid; 4's, coupon, 1.23; bid; 44's, coupon, 1.64; bid. The stock market this morning was dull. The stock market this morning was dull, and aside from Resding, Lackawanus, Pacific Mail and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois stocks, Rock Island and the Sugar Trusts, there was very little trading of moment and the changes were slight. At the opening the market was firm and fractionally higher, and during the first half how under the lead of was firm and fractionally higher, and during the first half hour, under the lead of Pacific Mail, which advanced 1 per ceut., prices recorded further improvements.

From 10:30, however, until noon prices were weak. Pacific Mail lost its early alvance. The Chicago and East lithuis stocks were especially weak. The count a declined 35:62:95 and the preferred 6 per cent, to 70, but recovered to 72. Rack Island dropped 2 per cent. At noon prices were generally fractionally below the closing prices of Saturday. At this writing the market is duff.

the market is dull. MONTANA'S CRISIS.

Action Must be Taken by the Legisla-ture to Raise Money. HELENA, MONT., Feb. 3 .- The various appropriation funds in the hands of the State Treasurer have been practically exhausted. The State Treasurer has informed United States Marshal Irvine that he will not allow bills for the support of convicts until the Legislature makes the necessary appropriations. This is a crisis in the situation of State affairs. and is thought it will have the effect of forcing the Legislature to pass some

measures this week. WILL SUE THE GOVERNMENT.

hief Engineer Hall's Wide Naval Officers with Fatal Neglect. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 3.-It is be lieved that the widow of Chief Engl. neer G. W. Hall of the U. S. steamer Nipsic, who was buried at Lafayette tast week, will bring an action against the United States Grvernment for being, through its officers, accountable for ner husband's death. After Mr. Hall was taken off his vessel at Apia, he requested a much needed leave ence by letter addressed to Admiral Kimberly, who, it is said, replied: You will see that this request is not

granted. Chienco Postoffice Clerks Organize. CHICAGO, Feb. 3.-Something like 150 clerks from the various divisions of the postaffice main room met at the postoffice yesterday afternoon at # o'clock. The object of the meeting was the formation of a permanent organization of clerks. This was effected under the title of the Chicago Postoffice Clerks' Association. They instructed the Sec retary to forward to New York an indorsement of the system in vogue there. and will endeavor to have a similar plan adopted for Chicago—eight hours a day, and graded salaries from \$000 to \$1,400 a year.

Negroes Going to Texas

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 3 .- A special rain with 1,000 negro emigrants on board arrived here vesterday over the Georgia Central Railroad. The negroes are en route from South Carolina to Louisiana, and Texas. They were packed into the cars like sardines in a box. None of them seemed to know where they were going, or what they would do when they reached their destination. They seemed to trust everything to the agents who had them in charge. Epidemic of Meningitis,

GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, Feb. 3.—News reached here yesterday from the Belcher district, twenty miles west of here, that the meningitis epidemic, which broke out there a week ago, is spreading with alarming Ocean Steamships Arrived,

HAMBURG, Feb. 3 — The steamship Hugia from New York for this port, arrived her vesterday. NEW YORK, Feb. 3. - Arrived - Aurani from Liverpool; Celtic, from Liverpool

District Government Notes. The District Commissioners have rejected the application of George Schweitzer, 1701 Seventh street northwest, for retail liquor

The application for wholesale liquor cense of E. Gardiner, southeast corner of Twelfth street and the boundary, has been ousidered and approved.

Private S. S. Smith, Seventh Precinct, as resigned, to take effect on the 1st. A permit has been granted to Miss Nellie Shedd to build three two-story frame buildings on lot 10, block 14. R. O. Prather has been granted permis-on to build a one-story frame shed on Naylor road.

Personal Meation. Mr. Thomas H. Cavanaugh, ex-Secretary of State for Kansas, and at present Superin-tendent of Public Lands, is at the National

The question might be asked very appropriately of Colonel William R. Morrison, Inter-State Commerce Commissioner, "Where did you get that hat?" The one he wears almost constantly is a small which is a chronic missit.

Pants reduced to \$2.90. Eiseman's, 7th